GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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CURBING OF RISE IN THE STEEL PRICES
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representations from the various organisations to curb rising steel prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE(DR. AKHILESH DAS)IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL

(a)&(b): The Government has received a number of representations on steel prices from different segments of the steel consuming industry suggesting measures like asking the producers to reverse the price increase, withdrawing export incentives on steel exports and reduce import duty on steel.

(c) The steel sector in the country is deregulated and therefore the price of various steel products are decided by the prevailing market conditions primarily depending upon demand supply situation and the landed cost of imports. Nonetheless, on the appeal of the Honourable Steel Minister the major steel producers in the country have reduced steel prices on various categories of steel by Rs.500-1000/- per tonne in February 2008. Further, a Steel Price Monitoring Committee (SPMC) has also constituted, which provides an interface between the producers and consumers of steel, under the aegis of Ministry of Steel, to discuss issues related to steel price movements in the country.